FORNEY TO LEAD OFF.

Will Introduce a Resolution Soon

Providing for a Constitu-

tional Convention.

Topeka, Kas., Jan. 16.-(Special.) Sena-

tor Forney said to-day that he would in-

troduce a concurrent resolution soon call-

need it so badly in the state that I feel it

a duty to get the matter before the peo-ple," he said. "We want our laws changed

and greatly simplified. We need five su-

preme judges-possibly more-when the

appellate court act expires. We need a

law defining and limiting the jurisdiction

of judges and changing elections. All state

officers should serve four years; all county

officers two years, and township officers

the same, and all county officers should be

elected at one time. I have no interest in

the prohibitory law and it would cut no

figure in the convention, being simply an

incident. The prohibitionists have the law

and the man who wants a drink has open

saloons and drug stores to supply his

wants. Each has what he wants, so who

would care to fight over it? The scare-

vention is all buncombe. We would save

in two years in decreased election expenses

FORNEY'S WAIF BILL DEAD.

assed Awny in the Senate Judiciary

Committee of Clearly Appar-

ent Unconstitutionality.

Topeka, Kas., Jan. 16.-(Special.) Sens-

tor Forney's pet measure that prohibited societies from sending homeless waifs into

the state was killed in the rooms of the

senate judiciary committee this morning,

after being under consideration for five minutes. It was shown that it was uncon-

er states from coming and going and stop-bing at will. It was a measure that bid

fair to be exceedingly popular, and was applauded by the galleries when read, and its premature death was a sad blow to

INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM.

Senate Leaders Will Consider Ben

nington's Pet Scheme and Per-

haps Introduce His Bill.

Topeka, Kas., Jan. 16.—(Special.) W. H. Bennington's initiative and referendum bill

will be examined Monday by Senators Lew-

elling, Householder, Jumper and Campbell

and if considered advisable Lewelling will

ntroduce it in the senate later. It pro-

vides that a petition of 500 names may

FORNEY ON HIGH HATS.

at the Theater.

Topeka, Kas. Jan. 16 - (Special.) Asked

o-day if he knew of any legislation against

high hats that would be brought up at this

ession, Senator Forney said he knew of

one yet. "We might pass a resolution ex-

GERRYMANDER UNDER WAY.

ing Seven Kansas Congress-

men to the Pops.

committee, is at work on a bill to reappo

Populists will do everything possible

gerrymander the state so that they wi

have a big advantage in future congressional elections. The bill will meet bitte

opposition from the Republican minorit

Another Anti-Pass Bill.

Another Anti-Pass Bill.

Topeka, Kas., Jan. 16.—(Special.) Sens tor Field is not satisfied with the ant pass bills already introduced. They are no sweeping enough to suit him, taking on state, county, city and towiship officer. He has prepared a bill, to be introduce Monday, including, besides the official named, federal judges, clerks of federacourts, and the United States marshal.

Railroad Bills Ordered Reported,

Topeka, Kas., Jan. 16.—(Special.) To senate committee on railroads met the morning and after an hour selliberation chairman Harris was instructed to report favorably two minor bills, one to prever climbing on trains in motion, and anothe requiring railroads to fence their tracthrough farms with hos-tight fences who there are such on the farm.

Topeka, Kas., Jan. is.—(Special.) Sent tor Armstrong, of Barton, said to-day bill would be introduced during the session providing that the character of wome who charge men with assault under the and the charge of assault shall stand on with women of previous good character He says the bill will easily pass.

The Short Grass Members Seem

Have the Bourbon County

Statesman Bluffed.

Toneka Kas., Jan. 16.-(Special.) The

bill prepared weeks ago by Representative Ury to consolidate eighteen of the Western

Ury to consolidate eighteen of the Western Kansas counties into four has not yet made its appearance in the house, although it is one to which particular interest attaches. The bill to abolish the district now represented by Mr. Ury has been introduced, and it is rumored that he is so busy taking care of that measure that he has no time for the consolidation bill. It is also a matter of report that an agreement has been reached between Mr. Ury and the western representatives whereby both measures will be stopped and the counties and districts remain as they are. Representative Ury is not in the city to-day and the facts could not be learned from him.

A CONVICT LABOR SCHEME.

Prisoners to Dig Irrigation Ditches,

Bulld Macadamized Roads

and Run a Farm.

followed by others providing that inmates of the penitentiary be divided into lors

of the penitentiary be divided into log-iarge number to be taken to Westerz Kan-sus to dig irrigation ditches, others to be assigned to Eastern Kansas to build roads, others to raise farm products for the state institutions, and the victous ones to break tock in the penitentiary, to be used in building state macadamized roads. These bills were prepared by advecates of union

Topeka, Kas., Jan. 16.-(Special.) A bill to mark convict made articles has been introduced in the legislature and will be

URY'S CONSOLIDATION SCHEME

in both houses.

more than the cost of the convention."

crow of expense attendant on such a con-

ing for a constitutional convention.

CHARTIE ENDMENT ORDINANCE AGREC ON BY COMMITTEE. IMPORTA. TAILS SETTLED.

SALOON LIC

UNDER CONTROL COMMISSION.

100-**PROMOTE HONEST GOVERNMENT**

WILL PUT AN END TO PARTISAN CONTROL OF POLICE FORCE.

Judiciary Committee of the Upper House Agrees Upon a Measure at a Meeting Held Yesterday Afternoon in the City Counselor's Office.

Two police commissioners, of different political affiliations, shall be elected by a joint vote of both houses of the city council.

The power to grant and revoke saloon licenses shall be vested in an excise commission to comprise the mayor, city auditor and police judge.

This is the substance of what was agreed upon by the judiciary committee of the upper house, which met yesterday afternoon to consider the charter amendment ordinance. The foregoing amendments to the pending ordinance, which were predicted in the Journal of January 8, will be recommended by the committee to the upper house at the next council meeting, which will probably be held next Tuesday

A full membership of the judiciary com mittee attended yesterday's meeting in the city counselor's private office, there being present Chairman Wyne and Committee men Eyssell, Johnston and McDougal. Aldermen Morgan and Brown attended in an unofficial capacity. The meeting was harmonious, and, at its conclusion, all differ-ences of opinion regarding details had been substantially removed. Chairman Wyne and City Counselor McDougal will draw up the amendments in the proper form and submit them to the committee for its appreval at another meeting to be held soor When the committee convened at 3 o'clock it was found that there was con siderable diversity of opinion regarding the manner in which the police board should be created Alderman Evssell wanted the two commissioners to be appointed by the

mayor. "I think the city should elect men a mayor who are 'big' enough not to abuse this privilege," said he. "And, moreover, I think the police commissioners should be willing to serve without salaries. It would elevate the tone of the board to strike out that \$500 a year salary. We could get a better and more conscientious class of they work for nothing and they are made

up of our best citizens."

This, however, did not meet with the approval of the committee, and Mr. Eyssell did not insist. A majority agreed with Chairman Wyne that the position of police commissioner involves an amount of detail work that the city could not expect to get free, and it was decided to leave the stipend at \$500 n year.

At this juncture Hugh McGowan entered the adjoining office, and, looking through the open door, threw up his hands in dis-

"Come in, Hugh!" shouted the committee "Not much!" retorted the asphalt magnate. "Do you suppose I want to go in

there and see my party wrecked? He retired with a show of haste and the committee became serious again. Mr. Morgan said: "Do you suppose Stephens will appoint Scarritt and the likes of him? If he does, it would be pretty good,

Mr. Wyne said: "He certainly won't ap-

point Fyke and Johnson." After this bit of irrelevance Mr. Wyne resumed reading the charter amendmen ordinance that was introduced two years ago, one section of which is as follows: "No person shall be appointed to the police force who is related to the chief of police, any of the police commissioners or any member of either house of the city council as near as the third generation of

It was thought that it might be well to Mr. Eyssell at first opposed the excise board idea, contending that it would tend to increase the opportunity for trickery, but he later fell into line. The questient enting the granting of saloon Heenses upo

was asked whether the principle of prediwith. Mr. Wyne held that, masmuch as Kanras City was making a fight to be cut off from Jackson county, it might be well to be rid in advance of any connection with line with the fight for home rule. It was afterward decided, however, that this could Does the auditing committee pass up-

"Does the auditing committee pass upon
the park board's bills?" asked Mr. Morgan.
When the committee had recovered from
its surprise. Mr. Morgan was answered in
the regative.

"Then I move that a resolution be passed
reaulting them to turn their bills over to
the city, so that we can see what they are
doing with their money."
He was told that something of this kind
might be done later.
Fellowing is a report of the committee.

might be done later.
Following is a report of the committee
as thus far prepared, the section relating
to the excise commission being as yet in-

complete:

"A board of police commissioners for this city is hereby created to be composed of the mayor and two other members, to be elected by a majority of the members-cleet of the upper and lower houses of the common council in joint session. The two members to be so elected shall be of different party affiliations in politics, and shall have the same qualifications as the mayor. Buch election shall be at such time and place as the members of each house shall agree to, but upon their failure to agree upon such time and place within ten days after their right to elect any such commissioner shall accrue, the majority of the members of the lower house shall have the right to set a time and place, and file written notice in the office of the city clerk not less than three nor more than five days thereafter; or upon their fallure to set a time and place and file such notice thereof within that time, then the majority of the members of the upper house of the council shall have the right to set a time and place for such election, and file notice thereof in the office of the city clerk not less than fifteen days after the right to elect any such commissioner shall accrue, and upon fallure of the council to elect any such commissioner within thirty days after the right of such election shall accrue, then both houses may be called together in joint session by the preciamention of the mayor.

"The president of the upper house shall be

may be called together in joint session by the proclaimation of the mayor.

"The president of the upper house shall be the presiding officer of such joint ression unless he is absent. In that case the speaker of the lower house shall act as such presiding officer, and any such joint session may be adjourned by such presid-ing officer from time to time until any such commissioner or commissioners are electcommissioner or commissioners are elected; and minutes and record of the proceedings of such joint session shall be kept by the city clerk the same as of other pro-

edings of the council. All vacancies shall

ceedings of the council. All vacancies shall be filled in like manner.

"Such commissioners shall be disqualified to hold or accept any city office to be filled at the city election next ensuing their election, or any appointment to a city office or any employment therein from the mayor, the council, or either house thereof, the board of public works or from any officer elected at such ensuing election. The mayor shall be ex-office president of the board. The members of said board shall each receive the sum of five hundred (2009) dollars per annum for their services. The two commissioners first elected by the joint session of the council shall hold office till after the next city election and till their successors qualify, and the terms of their successors shall be till after the city election succeeding their election, and they shall hold till their successors qualify."

SHE MAY BE A BRIDE.

Missing Miss Lulu Ervin Believed to Have Been Married at Olathe, Kas.

Olathe, Kas., Jan. 15,-(Special.) It is pretty certain that Miss Lulu Ervin, of Seneca, Kas., who disappeared in Kansas City, Kas., a few days ago, was married by Probate Judge Hammond in this city last Thursday to Harry Leslie. A couple bearing their description reached here Thursday and registered at Hotel Olathe as Elmer Hanthorn and ludy, and were soon married, and yesterday the man went south on the forenoon train, returning on the afternoon train, and was met at the the afternoon train, and was met at the depot by his new wife, and went on the train towards Kansas City. The lady, while waiting for the train, stated that she was from Seneca, Kas., and had eloped, and that her father was looking for her in Kansas City. The party to whom she made the statement cannot be found to learn the particulars, and the office files of the probate judge are closed for the night.

G. F. Jordon, editor of the paper at Seneca, Kas., on which Miss Erwin was employed, arrived in Kansas City yesterday and will institute a thorough search for her. Inspector Flahive accorded Mr. Jordon the use of a detective. Mr. Jordon believes Miss Ervin is somewhere in the city and that she is demented.

Mr. Jordan and the detectives went over Kansas City last night together, but could find no trace of Miss Ervin.

FIFTEEN FIRE VICTIMS.

Dallas Orphans' Home Holocaust Much More Terrible Than Was at First Supposed.

Dallas, Tex., Jan. 16.-Fifteen little girls night's fire at the Buckner Orphans' home, and nine others are seriously burned and crushed. Three of the injured, it is thought, cannot recover. The awfulness of the holocaust was not fully realized till to-day. The fire, which commenced at 10 o'clock Friday night, and raged until the boys' dormitory was destroyed, did not cool enough for search for bodies in the ashes until early this morning. At that time it was thought only five children had been burned to death. When the ashes had cooled enough to admit of a search, scores of sympathizing friends and neighbors began the sad task of finding the bodles of the five whom it was known had perished. The search had hardly been instituted when the terrible truth that there were more than five bodies in the ashes appeared. The search continued dawn, when fifteen bodies had been found. The dead are: Oscar Jackson, aged 13; Birdle Britton,

13; Marion Britton and Milton Britton, twins, 10, all of Dallas county: Carlos Jones, aged 5, of Hunt county; Willie Richards aged 5, of Collins county: Grover Cles, and Yarborough aged 12, of Smith count, Preston Cribbs, aged 13, of Fan-nin co uty: William Miller, aged 7, of Lamar punty: Engene Black, aged 8, of Callahan county; Virgil Nelson, aged 10, of Marlon co uty: Richard Marresh aged 10. Marion co nty; Richard Marran, aged 10, of Denton ounty; Arthur Edwards, aged 18, of Wise c unity; Oscar Howard, aged 3, of Cherokee c unity; Ray King, aged 3, of the Indian T., ritory; Thomas O'Bannon, aged 6, died at 1 o'clock this afternoon

Imperiled Fishermen Safe.

Mariette, Wis., Jan. 16.—The nine fisher agriette, wis., Jan. is.—The nine fishermen carried out into the lake on an ice
fiee yesterday are now believed to be safe.
Four of the men arrived here in a skiff
to-day, and reported having left the others on Green island. They will be brought
over in the lighthouse keeper's boat. Grave
fears are felt for the safety of Theo Johnson of Sturgeon bay, who started from Menominee yesterday morning to skate to
Sturgeon bay. Nothing has been heard of
him since.

Big Lot of Baled Hay Rurned. Galena, Kas., Jan. 18.—(Special.) The large barn of Morgan Rush caught fire last night from the explosion of a lantern and within five minutes not less than 300 tons of baled hay was in flames. The stock that was in the barn was rescued, but the building is a total loss. The hay is still burning and will be for several days.

Swallowed a Fence Staple.

St. Joseph, Mo., Jan. 16,—(Special.) The year-old son of Andy Parkhurst, of Bloc on, while at school yesterday swallowed a erce staple he had been playing with, and

SPREAD OF TOLSTOISM.

Has Led to a Spirited Crusade Against It by the Russian Government.

New York, Jan. 15.—The Evening Post's opyright d London cablegram to-day says: The spread of Tolstoism among the educated and professional classes of Russia has led to a spirited state of crusade against the Tolstois. In some villages one out of every ten inhabitants is an avowed Tolstoist and there are many more secret

adherents. A notable accession to the The houses of suspected persons are being searched, Tolstoist works are confis atted, and the owners are entered in the olice black book. Some active Tolstolsts ave mysteriously disappeared from Pay-oka, and it is feared that they have been ent to Siberia. Others have had their hildren taken from them. It is stated that council of state has considered the

A STORM IN THE NORTH.

Henviest Snow of the Season in Progress in Northern Nebraska and South Dakota.

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 18.-Special telegrams rom Northern Nebraska and South Dakota points report that the heaviest snow storm of the winter is now in progress The day began with rain, changing to snow The day began with rain, changing to snow about noon. Chadron, Neb., reports more than a foot of snow, with falling temperature. Huron, S. D., reports four inches, added to the three feet that already covered the Jim river valley, and railroads are again blocked. Efforts to get a rotary snow plow through on the Great Northern to Watertown had to be abandoned. At other points the situation is equally bad. In Omaha, a drizzle of rain has failen all day, and to-night it is turning very cold.

Has Invited Bryan to Speak. Lawrence, Kas., Jan. 16.-(Special.) The

enfor law class of Kansas university has invited William J. Bryan to deliver the ommencement address before it next one. A majority of the members of the

Santa Clara Story Denied.

Madrid, Jan. 16.-An emphatic denial has Madrid, Jan. 15.—An emphatic dental has been issued from official circles of the report that the town of Santa Chara, capital of the Coban province of that name, has been captured by the insurgents. It is further stated that the only recent insurgent attack in that province has been at

APPROVES THE HOUSE PLAN FOR A POLICE INVESTIGATION.

OPPOSES THE SENATE SCHEME.

WANTS EVERYTHING DONE OPENLY AND IN PUBLIC VIEW.

Convinced That Charges Against Julian, Fyke and Johnson Are Groundless-Expected His Appointments Would Be Rejected.

Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 16,-(Special.) Ex-Governor Stone was asked to-day what he thought of the action of the house in appointing a committee to investigate police and election matters in St. Louis and Kansas City. He answered:

"It is certainly an entirely proper thing to do. I see the Kansas City morning Democratic organ makes bitter complaint against the house for appointing a committee, as if it was some discourtesy to the senate. That cannot be true. The senate adopted a resolution and appointed a special committee to investigate Julian and the police com-missioners, then reconsidered their action and sent the resolution to a standing committee. The ordinary powers of a standing committee are always limited in their scope, and nothing has been done, so far as I have heard, to enlarge the powers of the said committee for this occasion. The only purpose of the said investigation is to determine whether it will confirm the appointments of Messrs. Fyke and John

"The house committee takes a wider range. It has nothing to do with the confirmation of police commissioners, but will deal with questions which affect legislation. If it be true that the election laws and police laws of the cities are defective. or have been so administered as to bring discredit on the public service, the facts should be known to the house as well as

to the senate. "The report of the senate committee, what ever it may be, will be considered in executive session and will relate to the one practically unimportant question of confirming the appointments of two men; while the house committee, reaching out into larger fields, will take up the whole subject, examine into the operation of the police and election systems of the two cities, about which so much has been said, look into the practical operation of the laws, and be prepared to make such recommendations to the general assembly as may be proper and necessary. I take it that these are the reasons which influence the house to take hold of this matter with a vigorous hand.

'As to the smaller, or personal, aspect of the case, I have little to say. Two months before the general assembly met, Senator Lancaster declared at Hot Springs that he and certain other senators would hold up my appointments. It is well known that there are a number of senators who were elected as Democrats who are personally unfriendly to me. This is because of the fierce fight I had with the lobby ago. I have always presumed that my appointments would be rejected as a matter of spite on the part of certain Democratic senators, and as a matter of supposed politics on the part of Republican senators. In one sense, I am indifferent as to that.

"The attack made upon Julian, Fyke and Johnson, which impeaches their personal and official character, I believe to be utterly without foundation in truth and facts But I would be very glad to have a thorough and complete investigation. I want nothing concealed and nothing put down in malice. These men have borne honorable names; they have been good Democrats. The men who are making war on them now, led by Wiley O. Cox and W. R. Nelson, belong to a class of Democrats who never desired Mr. Bryan's election. Mr. Cox is a man with a grievance. I think ne opposes the house investigation because he fears the facts may not turn out as he has charged them to be in his paper. I hope the committee will take the charges as made by Mr. Cox and Mr. Nelson and the rest of them, and have these gentle

"The investigation should be open. There should be no effort to conceal anything. If Fyke, Johnson or Julian, or any other official, has been guilty of wrong doing he should be branded with disgrace, when men are charged with acts that mean so much to them as these charges nade by Mr. Lyons mean to Julian and the others, they are at least entitled to be heard before a committee, every member of which is absolutely known to be fre from prejudice or partiality, much less under any influence calculated to dominate

"The action of the house of represents tives was broad and timely, and I hope Speaker Farris will appoint a com of the ablest and purest men in the house o prosecute the investigation."

IF HE IS NOT OVERRULED.

Senator Lyons Proposes to Introduce Another Resolution Demanding

Immediate Investigation. Senator W. F. Lyons, who has achieved sudden fame by his acrobatic performances in the Missouri senate in regard to inves-tigations, came up from Jefferson City Friday night and spent yesterday in th

Mr. Lyons put in his time making him self invisible to any but the members of the inner circle of the "push." He was in consultation with them part of the day and they were coaching him to do more thinking and less talking. He was asked yesterday if he had any reason to give for his sudden backdown after introducing his resolution for the investigation of the police department of Kansas City, but he declined to size any ways the that declined to give any save that his vote favor of reconsideration was dictated the caucus, by the action of which he t himself bound.

felt himself bound.

Senator Lyons also made the statement yesterday that the end of the proposed investigation is not yet, for he intends to-morrow to introduce another resolution in the senate which will prove even more of a surprise than his first one. It will, it is said, provide for an immediate investigation by a special committee of that body. A well known Democrat, who does not train with the push, diagnosed the investigation matter about right yesterday. He said: "These fellows simply wanted to run a great ble blog with the proposed of the proposed of the said." on resolution, but after they had got into the matter they found that it was going develop things which would not sui em at all and they simply had the cau ous choke it off. '10 use a homely slang

CHIEF JULIAN INDIGNANT.

Throws Down the Gauntlet to Prosecuting Attorney Lowe and the Grand Jury.

Chief Julian returned to Kansas City yes erday. He was bustly engaged in answer ing letters in his private office when seen by a Journal reporter. He refused at first to say anything concerning the fate of the

NARROWING DOWN.

TO BE DECIDED FRIDAY NIGHT.

Each Claims to Be Serencly Confident of Winning Out-Democrats Hop-

Lyons resolution in the state senate and the circumstances leading up to its birth unless the questions were placed on paper and shown to him. As he grew more interested in his conversation, however, while the reporter walted, he laid aside his pen and threw himself back in his chair.

"I know well enough the attitude of all the papers in Kansas City to know that anything I would say now, unless accurately quoted, would likely work an injustice to me," said the chief. He then plunged into a dissertation about the way he had been treated in the matter of the resolution. How greatly it reflected on him as a man and how, when he had been apprised that the resolution was introduced in the house, he had urged that it be passed.

"This office is and should be open to an examination by the public. It is their office, not mine," said the chief dramntically. "I court investigation. All I have is my name, and I do not care to have that besmirched. I have no money. As for Mr. Lowe, I will say as I have said before: He has the grand jury at his back and he is the prosecuting officer of Jackson county, and if he has any evidence against me let him indict me, or let the grand jury investigate me of its own motion. I have nothing to fear."

'Chief Julian said the caucus of Democratic senators at which it was decided to reconsider the vote passing Lyons' resolution was held without his knowledge. In fact, he did not know about it until the next day after 3 o'clock. He was then sorry the step advised at the caucus had been taken. ing for a Dendlock, but It Will Avail Them Nothing.

A SHANNON-O'NEILL SCHEME.

What Commissioner Johnson Says of the Buncombe Resolution Introduced by Senator Lyons.

Police Commissioner Frank G. Johnson was seen by a Journal reporter just before the meeting of the police commissioners yesterday afternoon. He said he had not been in Jefferson City since Tuesday last, but had been in Southern Missouri on business. He returned to the city Friday morn-In speaking of the Lyons resolution Mr. Johnson sald:

"Lyons offered the resolution as a bluff, and when he saw he could not make it win, he was glad to get out of it the best

way he could." Asked what he meant by "bluff," Mr. Johnson said that it was wholly a scheme upon the part of the Shannon-O'Neill gang to force himself and Commissioner Pyke to resign, as well as Chief of Police Julian, and when new men had been amounted and when new men had been appointed and a new chief placed at the head of the department, the people who were responsible for the Lyona resolution would shout:

"Here, we have purified the police department. There is no use of any charter amendment business being carried further. We don't want 'home rule' in the police department. It is not necessary with the pure department, we have pow."

pure department we have now."
Mr. Johnson also said that he had no idea when the session of the legislature was called that Senator Lyons had presared any such resolution as was after-wards introduced. He did not know of the wards introduced. He did not know of the caucus in which the resolution was killed, as quickly as it had been horn, because he was in South Missouri. He had no idea that Lyons would back down as completely as he did. Mr. Johnson said he had talked with several senators after the Lyons resolution was introduced in the senate, and had said he would court an investigation. He then supposed the committee of investigation would be appointed. He had not talked with Lyons since the vote of the Democratic senators was reconsidered, but thinks the committee appointed in the lower house will come to Kansas City and make a thorough investigation. He does not think Marcy K. Brown had anything to do with the resolution by Representative Spofford in the lower house.

house.

Mr. Johnson did not care to go into the phase of the question regarding the probable appointment of new police commissioners to take the place of himself and Mr. Fyke. He said, however, that in the case new commissioners were appointed. Chief Julian would be retained beyond all question. The committee into whose hands the Lyons resolution has fallen is a good one, in the opinion of Mr. Johnson.

TO DROP FIVE INSTITUTIONS.

mittee Will Make Some Rad-

ical Recommendations. Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 16.-(Special.) is reported here on good authority that the report of the legislative junketing committee which is now being prepared to be presented to the legislature will recomsend that the industrial school for girls t Chillicothe be abolished. The reason o be assigned is that there are but few girls confined for crimes, most of the eighty-four inmates being orphans who are apprenticed to the institution, and the committee does not think it wise to have these associated with the criminal classes. It is rumored also that the report will recommend that the school of mines at Rolia and all the state normal schools be abolished. The attendance at the school of mines has not been very large, and it is supposed the committee believes that the expense is too great for the good resulting Senator McClintick secured the engrossment of a bill two years ago in the senate to abolish all the normal schools and give the buildings to the counties. He is opposed to them, and wants the money applied for their support given to the university. ommittee does not think it wise to have

ity. could not be learned to-night definitely It could not be learned to-night definitely what the report will be in regard to the school of mines and the normal schools, but there is much talk among the members who are looking after these schools, and the rumor is generally believed here.

Representative Lee, of Carter county, stated to-day that there would be a bill introduced soon to establish another insane asylum, to be located in Southeast Missouri. Mr. Lee is a member of the junketing committee, has visited these asylums, and, as a result, he believes that another institution for caring for the insane should be established. There are over 3,600 schools are supported to the support of the should be established. There are over 3,600 schools are supported to the support of should be established. There are over 3,600 in the state and all the asylums are crowded, he says, and, instead of making large appropriations to increase the capacity of the present asylums, another should be established for Southeast Mis-

BRIEF BITS OF NEWS.

Fifty more miners have left Webb City o work in the silver mines of Colorado.

It is said that Weyler has again left Haana with his column for the field. A complimentary banquet was given to comptroller Eckels by the bankers of Chi-

The lowa state board of agriculture de-ided yesterday to hold the state fair Sep-ember 3 to 18. John C. Duvall, the last survivor of the folled massacre of 1833,died at Fort Worth,

Tex., at the age of \$1. The London News says Olga Nethersole, he actress, is to marry Dr. Oliver, who s at present in India. The State Bank of Hollenberg, Kas., yes-

erday notified the bank commissioner that t had gone into voluntary liquidation. The impression prevails at Washington that the president will not appoint a successor to United States Minister Willis, William Waldorf Astor has authorized he statement that he is not a naturalized sitizen of Great Britain and has no intenion of becoming one. Fifty-four head of Poland-China hogs were sold on the Illinois state fairgrounds at Springfield yesterday at an average wrice of \$251.50 per head.

One hundred Roman Catholic pilgrims sailed from New York yesterday to visit Palestine and the Holy Land. They will have a special audience with the pope. The Indian bureau has completed the work of verifying the roll of Cherokee freedmen and turned the roll over to Sec-retary Francis for his approval yesterday. The great scheme for tunneling under the British channel, which has been indorsed by Cobden, Bright, Gladstone and other statesmen and condemned by all experts, has been abandoned.

Edward Percy, 19 years old, a member of Hogan's Alley Company, committed suicide to Newark, N. J. last night by inhaling tas. He was despondent because he was mable, on account of an injury, to go on with the company.

The eleventh annual banquet of the Ohio Society, of New York, was held last night at Delmonico's. The principal speakers were Governor Bushneil, of Ohio; Senator Hawley, of Connecticut, and General Hor-ace Porter, of New York.

KANSAS SENATORIAL CONTEST IS

ALL THE CANDIDATES PUTTING IN THEIR BEST LICKS.

Topeka, Kas., Jan. 16.-(Special.) The senatorial contest is now absorbing the entire attention of the Populist statesmen, and no effort is being made to push regislation until it is settled. While there has been no formal call made for the caucus, yet it has been settled upon by the candidates and the members of each house who are entitled to participate in it that the date will be next Friday night.

All of the candidates who stand a ghost of a show of election are on the ground with their managers and working hard among the senators and representatives. Colonel Harris is probably the best supplied with managers. He has one for about every congressional district. They report each night to the colonel and a little caucus is held and plans mapped out for the succeeding day. Breidenthal is on the ground with several old and tried friends, doing quite effective work. Dennison backed by Lewelling and the old push, is conducting his campaign with vigor. Sena-tor Peffer has placed his case in the hands of James Morphy, business manager of his paper, and Editor Heath, of the Kansas Farmer. Ed Little has probably done less senatorial skirmishing than any other of the leading candidates. He will take a day off next week from his official duties as private secretary of the governor and put things in shape. These five men are the only candidates being considered at this time, and it is almost certain that one of them will get the plum. The Democrats are grooming a couple of men-Atwood and Martin-in the hope that a deadlock will occur, but there is no earthly show for either. The Populists are determined to fight it out among themselves, and are not considering for a moment giving the Democrats the cream of all offices within

their gift. the managers of the various candidates are giving out figures. Morphy claims Peffer has thirty-two votes already, and that after the first few ballots he will secure enough of second choice votes to be nominated. He places the strength of Har-

ris, Breidenthal and Dennison in the order named.

The managers of the other candidates claim that Morphy is talking through his hat. They will not give Peffer more than twenty-two votes on the first ballot, and say he is not the second choice of any-body. Harris chief manager, Sears, says that Harris will have thirty votes to begin with, and will lead the whole outilt. He also claims that Harris is the second choice of enough legislators to elect him. choice of enough legislators to elect him.

Breidenthal says that while he may not lead on the first ballot, he will not be two votes behind the one who does, and that his number will steadily increase.

Dennison's managers boldly assert that he is the strongest man in the race, and that the Western Kansas representative. that the Western Kansas representative and senators will, in due time, consoli

and senators will, in due time, consolidate on him.

Ed Little's boom was given impetus yesterday by the action of the delegation of fusion forces of the Fifth congressional district in deciding to give him their solid support. He is a factor in the race and stands a show of election.

The members from the eastern part of the state are afraid that the short grass members will get together and hog the senatorship. The Westerners are just beginning to realize their strength. They have a majority in the Populist caucus, and if they decide upon one candidate the others might as well withdraw from the race and make it unanimous. In case such a combination is made, the chance for Ed Little becoming their choice is very bright.

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David Overmyer, of Topeka; Senator Campbell, of Fort Scott; Judge M. B. Nichtolson, of Council Grove; Senator Lewelling, of Wichita: Speaker Street, of Oberlin, C. Johnson, of Peabody, are listed in scattering column of senatorial candida

LEWELLING RUNNING THINGS.

Using the Administration in an Attempt to Vent His Spite Against State Printer Hudson.

Topeka, Kas., Jan. 16.-(Special.) The effort of ex-Governor Lewelling and his supporters to force the reopening of the Snow state printer fight and compel the presen administration to inherit the ill-smelling row that would come with it, will be vig row that would come with it, will be vigorously opposed by a number of influential Populists in both houses. They recognize it as something quite unworthy their attention and are also opposed to any further domination of the administration by Senator Lewelling. It has already gone so far that it looks as if Governor Leedy would be but a mere figurehead and L. D. Lewelling would manage the administration. Many of the Populists feel they have had quite enough of Lewellings why Governor Leedy has allowed the Wichita statesman to force a discarded row on the reform administration.

To the Populist resentment will be added the outspoken opposition of leading Democrats to any attempt to oust State Printer Hudson. The State Journal says of Major Hudson's claim: As a matter of equity no one disputes that he is state printer. The only question was a technical one, and the supreme court, whatever may be said about its opinion in detail, emphatically orously opposed by a number of influential one disputes that he is state printer. The only question was a technical one, and the supreme court, whatever may be said about its opinion in detail, emphatically decided against the other man and in favor of Hudson. Two years ago the Republicans made no effort to supplant Snow for the unexpired term. The Populists cannot afford to raise such an action now. Nothing would so disavow the existence of such a spirit of fairness and right.

Colonel W. P. Tomilinson, in the Topeka Democrat, says it would be bushwhacking politics and an outrage, and continues:

"To dispossess Major Hudson from the office of state printer before the expiration of his term of two years, would be a fatal blunder at this juncture for the People's party. We desire to say, in all good feeling for the Populist representatives, we believe that they are on the verge of committing a great mistake, it was the first Napoleon who said that 'a blunder is worse than a crime.'

Major Hudson was elected by the legislature and won his case in the district court on an injunction and on January II, 1896, the supreme court gave a decision in his favor. His term expires in July and he expects to surrender the office then, but objects to having it taken from him now to be hawked about as a consolation prize to some one who falled to be chosen

POP PIE HUNTERS SORE.

Think Too Many Good Jobs Are Going to Others Than the Faithful. Topeka, Kas., Jan. 16.-(Special.) The ap-

pointments made by Governor Leedy so far have not aroused any particular enthuslasm from the ranks. One of the place hunters whose pockets bulge with indorsements and whose feet are weary with ments and whose feet are weary with walking the streets said: "Look at the appointees in the governor"s office. Ed Little, private secretary, a free silver Republican: Executive Clerk Fleharty, another; Major Shreve, a Democrat, and two Republican stenographers. How's that for a Populist administration to begin with? Personally, I've no kick: I guess I'll get in, but some of the boys are objecting."

It developed yesterday that Mr. Lewelling, who was chosen assistant engineer at

the state house by the new administrations on State Treasurer Hefflebower's borour \$10,000, and as that information bassed about among the place hunters. passed about among the place hunters it occasions much unpleasant comment. The viruggling masses" look at it and wonder. The pie hungry crowd has thinned out very much since Wednesday, when the word was given out that no appointments would be announced by the governor during the week. The gang was of the ominion that a clean sweep would be made the first week and were waiting for the crumbs, but failed to get them. Governor Leedy apparently intends to move slowly in choosing subordinates. This has been a great disappointment to the hungry boys.

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PLAGUE AND FAMINE ARE DEVAS-TATING BRITISH INDIA.

THOUSANDS DEAD OR DYING.

MILLIONS ARE STARVING AND OTH-ER MILLIONS HUNGRY.

BOMBAY'S TERRIBLE PLIGHT.

PLAGUE HAS CREATED THE WILD-EST CONSTERNATION.

Natives Fleeing by the Hundred Thousands-Disease Has Broken Out Among the Refugees and May Spread Over Great Areas-Rad-

ical Measures

Suggested. Bombay, Jan. 16 .- Plague and famine are stalking arm in arm through densely populated portions of the British empire, thousands of dead or dying, and the outlook

becomes blacker and more terrible every Millions of hapless men, women and children are starving, and the famine stricken districts, having a population of nearly 40,-000,000 people, will have to depend upon the hand of charity for food enough to keep body and soul together until April or later. Other districts, with a population numbering about 50,000,000, are already feeling the pangs of bitter privation from food, and this must be endured well on into

spring before permanent relief will be afforded by nature. Funds for the relief of the suffering are being raised on all sides; but a very large amount of money will be needed to provide food even for those unfortunate people who live on almost nothing (in comparison with Europeans and others) from one end

of the year to another. This calamity, awful as it is in its in-tensity, is possibly not much greater than the ravages of the dreadful plague here, threatening to spread, through the flight of the natives of this city, into other parts of India, and if it reaches the greatly weakened famine sufferers, the mortality may be enormous. The natives have been reduced by lack of food to little more than living skeletons in the most heavily stricken districts, and as such they cannot but fall victims by the thousand to the black plague, which threatens to invade Europe through the Mecca pilgrims and other cause a measure to be submitted to a di-rect vote of the people rather than to al-low it to be passed by the legislature. The original Populists are in favor of the bill and will do all they can to force it to pas-sage. It will meet with vigorous opposition from other quarters. sources for the spread of contagion which are too numerous to mention, principal of which, however, are the expert of rags, linen and other merchandise likely to con

tain the poisonous germs. The mortality here has quadrupied, who out comming the deaths whill have curred among the hundreds of thousands of people who have fied in terror from Bombay, in many cases abandoning their He Favors Letting Kansas Women all in their hurried flight from the pestience. Up to recently, Bombay, with its population of \$50,000, enjoyed the reputation of being one of the most healthful cities in India, its sanitary works being equal to those of the European capitals. But all this has changed. More than half of the population has disappeared and those who remain are either helpless and annot get away or are crowding out of the city by rail, water and road, or else contemplate so doing unless there is a

change for the better shortly. The government officials are seriously alarmed; the native physicians have near-

lenator Lapfer at Work on a Bill Giv Topeka, Kas., Jan. 16.—(Special.) Sena or Lupfer, chairman of the apportionmen tion the state for congressional purpose Another district will be added and the

them into the best place available on the other side of Bombay harbor. On the other hand, there are people who oppose this step being taken, on the ground that the presence of the British regiments has a salutary effect upon the populace, which might otherwise start rioting and looting. It is also suggested that the whole city should be twolated, that escape by the land side be prevented by a strong cordino of troops, and that escape by water should be prevented by the patrolling of armed steamers.

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amped out or works its worst among unfortunates. e government officials and European ors are showing a fine example to the